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AT&T'S COMMENTS ON THE ARIZONA § 271 PERFORMANCE INDICATOR DEFINITIONS (PID) DATA ELEMENT SUMMARY REPORT

AT&T Communications of the Mountain States, Inc. and TCG Phoenix (collectively "AT&T"), hereby file their comments on the Arizona § 271 Performance Indicator Definitions (PID) Data Element Summary Report, version 5.0, dated February 26, 2002, a joint report (hereinafter, "Joint Report") of Cap Gemini Telecom Media & Networks U.S., Inc. ("CGE&Y") and Hewlett-Packard Consulting ("HPC"), collectively for the purposes of these comments, the "Testers."

In its previously filed comments on this issue, i.e., AT&T Exhibit 9-3. AT&T criticized CGE&Y and the Pseudo-CLEC (HPC) for not ensuring that accommodations had been made to acquire all of the necessary data elements to satisfy the Test Standards Document ("TSD"), section 7.3.4, requirements. Exhibit 9-3 at 2-3. The Testers advise in the Joint Report that they believe it now satisfies the requirement contained in the TSD requirement, admittedly through the use of their alternative approach to verify that the Qwest performance measurements results

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for the Pseudo-CLEC are accurately calculated from data obtained from the Pseudo-CLEC. This is an expression of false hope, and an attempt to gain leave from the TSD requirements<sup>2</sup> and from having to answer the fundamental question – are Qwest's results accurate? This approach fails to meet the requirements because of the wholesale use of Qwest "ad hoc" data instead of the independently gathered Pseudo-CLEC data.<sup>3</sup>

The Testers claim to have finally addressed the issue of whether the Qwest "ad hoc" data is complete and have indicated they have determined that extra data has not been inserted into the "ad hoc" databases. This is progress that would be more meaningful if the Testers provided quantitative data that would support the claim of completeness. What remains undone is the step that the Testers claim they cannot take since they failed to develop the requisite data before embarking on the Functionality Test. This means the Commission has to settle for a far less instructive set of results on a critical assessment of Qwest's ability to accurately calculate performance measurement results that are the yardstick against which the Commission will judge whether Qwest's ongoing performance is consistent with parity standards and defined benchmarks.

The Testers claim that "[c]alculating PID compliant measures using the Pseudo-CLEC data and Qwest's adhoc data for the missing data elements results in the independent calculation required by the TSD." Joint Report at 4. The Testers' self-serving conclusion is wrong. The TSD does not provide for use of the Qwest "ad hoc" data to verify whether the "ad hoc" data is correct. It is ludicrous to suggest that their re-calculations using the identical data that are to be

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>2</sup> TSD, § 7.3.4.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>3</sup> Joint Report at 4. "Calculate PID compliant measures using the Qwest adhoc data. Reconcile all data elements captured by the Pseudo-CLEC through the gateway notifiers with the Qwest adhoc data to ensure all records are captured and that the adhoc data does not contain any additional records."

verified are supported by the TSD requirements. It may be the best the Testers can do, but it is a far cry from what they were supposed to do.

The Joint Report indicates it was prepared "to produce a more complete matrix containing all data elements that are required to produce PID compliant disaggregated results and specifically note which elements are not provided by Qwest to the CLEC or independently gathered by the CLEC." *Id. at 5.* Indeed this is achieved. The TAG now has a very detailed documentation of the data elements that are necessary to calculate the performance measurement results. The TAG also now has a clearer identification of the extent to which the Testers failed to establish the required data elements that were to be captured prior to beginning the Functionality Test.

It is unclear from the Joint Report what the status of the Tasks identified in the Process section is. Intuitively, Tasks 1, 2 and 3 are necessary predicates for the Joint Report, but the Testers should make it clear that these Tasks are complete. Tasks 4, 5 and 6 are obvious follow-on work to the publication of the Joint Report, and the extent to which the Testers have begun these Tasks needs to be identified. Since CGE&Y has been issuing Incident Work Orders ("IWO") as a result of its analysis of the data (Task 5), it is obvious that task has begun. It is not at all clear whether CGE&Y has completed its analysis, however. It is uncertain that the analysis of section 2.5 of the Functionality Test report has begun (Task 6). The Testers should clarify the extent of the progress made in analyzing the existing section 2.5 for modification pursuant to the results of the PID Matrix project.

The Testers insert some uncertainty as to the completeness of the identification of data elements as shown in Appendix A. In the Findings, the Joint Report states that there are some

290 data elements necessary to perform the calculations, but only 83% of them are accounted for in the Testers' analysis:

HP's initial assessment reveals that there are 71 data elements available (data value = Y in Appendix A) for PID measurement calculation by the TA. There are 53 data elements that are not available (data value = N in Appendix A) and there are 124 data items that contain a portion of the required fields. *Id. at 9*.

The extent to which Appendix A is incomplete (i.e., 248 of the 290 data elements) should be rectified by revising it to account for the balance of the data elements.

The Testers obfuscate the extent to which they can calculate specific measures based on Pseudo-CLEC data in that there is no listing of the specific measures in the Joint Report for which it makes the following claims:

"There are no PID 6.3 measures contained within Appendix C of the MTP that have not been previously identified as capable of producing performance measurement results entirely with Pseudo-CLEC collected test data and compared with results calculated with raw adhoc data obtained by Qwest." *Id. at 9*.

The best way to avoid ambiguity is to state the PIDs for which CGE&Y or the Testers previously identified the results.

The Joint Report contains a minor error in the identification of the appendices. "The analysis specifically examined HP databases and manual paper records (e-mail and fax) for existence of the data elements identified in Appendix B – Missing Functionality Data Elements HP Spreadsheet provided by CGE&Y." *Id.*, § 1.3 (at 6). The spreadsheet is Appendix A and a Glossary is Appendix B.

The Joint Report contains a minor error in PID terminology: "PID 6.3 Billing measures OP-7 and OP-13 can be calculated independently using the Pseudo-CLEC captured data. This is

reflected in Section 2.5 of the OSS Test Final Report." *Id.*, § 1.5 (at 9). PO-7 and OP-13 are not Billing measures; they are Ordering and Provisioning measures.

There is no question that the Testers have spent a considerable amount of time on the Joint Report. However, it falls short of producing or replicating the results that would have been obtained by following the requirements contained in the TSD. AT&T understands the present realities of CGE&Y's failure to comply with the requirements of the TSD. However, effort alone is no substitute. Nor does it impose on AT&T any responsibility to accept the findings and results of the Joint Report in lieu of compliance with the requirements contained in the TSD. The failure to follow the requirements of the TSD leaves a gap in the testing that the Joint Report does not close.

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